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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

4/13/2022

Dear Lancaster County Board Members,

I want to take the time to thank you for your willingness to allow Deputy Emergency Manager Mark Hosking to participate on the Nebraska Incident Management Assistance Team providing support to the Road 739 Fire in Gosper and Furnas Counties, which began on Thursday, April 7th. Mark has spent countless hours training in preparation to provide the services he conducted at the incident command post in Arapahoe. He served as Ground Support Unit Leader and was instrumental in managing and inspecting all vehicles and ground equipment on scene. The experience Mark gained in responding to this event will be valuable to Lancaster County when the need arises in future.

This incident would not have been controlled as quickly as it had been without local emergency managers from around the state assisting in various roles. I want to ensure that Mark's time, effort, and expertise does not go unnoticed. This incident was a perfect example of Nebraskans serving Nebraskans. I appreciate the part Mark played in getting the fire contained and the incident under control, and we stand ready to do the same in service of our friends and neighbors in Lancaster County as, and when, the need ever arises.

Warmest Regards,

Erv Portis
Assistant Director
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency